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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER LHH53

REGULATIONS GOVERNING LANDOWNER FISHING LAKES OR PONDS

Section 1. Authority. These regulations are promulgated by authority of W.S. 23-2-208.

Section 2. Definitions. ~~For the purpose of these regulations the term “game fish” is referenced to and adopted from definitions~~ **Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes** ~~contained in W.S. 23-1-101 and 23-1-302(xix),~~ **Commission regulations**, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Individual” means one person. It does not mean a corporation.

(b) “Landowner fishing lake or pond” means a lake, pond or ponds which derive their source of water from surface runoff, natural springs or wells; are wholly contained by the private land of an individual(s); and in which other game fish regulated by the commission do not occur at the time a permit is applied for by the individual.

(c) “Permit” means a letter of authorization from the Chief of Fisheries which specifies the species of fish to be stocked and the source from which the fish or eggs may be obtained.

~~**Section 3. Regulations and Effective Date.** The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby adopts the following regulations governing Landowners Fishing Lakes or Ponds. These regulations shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by Commission action.~~

Section 43. Application for Landowner Fishing Lake or Pond. Individuals desiring to have a lake or pond designated as a landowner fishing lake or pond shall make application on a form provided by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and submit said application to the Chief of Fisheries in Cheyenne. The Chief of Fisheries will notify the applicant in writing within 45 days of receipt of the application as to whether or not said water(s) is designated as a landowners fishing lake or pond, and, if said lake or pond(s) is so designated, authorize the species of fish to be stocked and the source from which the fish or fish eggs may be obtained. A private stocking permit must be obtained prior to each time the landowners fishing lake or pond is stocked. This may be done by notifying the Chief of Fisheries of intent to stock, species to be stocked and the source from which the fish or fish eggs are to be obtained.

~~**Section 5. Persons Eligible to Fish Without a License.** Persons eligible to fish in a landowner fishing lake or pond without a license include the individual landowner, landowner’s spouse, children and grandchildren. Fish may only be taken by legal fishing methods.~~

Section 64. Verification of Catch. Fish may only be taken by legal fishing methods. There shall be no creel limit for these persons eligible to fish without a license. The individual landowner shall issue a receipt on a form issued by the Department, to the possessor of any fish taken from the landowner’s fishing lake or pond. The receipt shall verify the number and species caught, returned, removed or transported from the landowner’s property.

All other persons who may fish the landowner’s fishing lake or pond may take fish under existing Game and Fish Commission regulations and state statutes.

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